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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

REQUEST FOR SCHEDULE EXTENSION FOR SUBMITTAL OF THE AREA 9, PHASE I IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- References:
- 1) Letter, J. Reising to J. Saric and T. Schneider, "Extension Request: Operable Unit 5, Area 9, Phase I Soils Remediation Program," dated April 20, 2000
 - 2) Project Specific Plan for Supplemental Background Soil Study, Revision 0, dated July 20, 2000

The purpose of this letter is to request, under Section XVIII of the 1991 amended Consent Agreement, a schedule extension for the submittal of the Area 9, Phase I (A9PI) Implementation Plan (IP). The U.S. Department of Energy, Fernald Environmental Management Project (DOE-FEMP) proposed the submittal of an IP for A9PI in an April 20, 2000 letter (Reference 1) when data from pre-certification physical sampling appeared to indicate that some remediation would be necessary. The additional pre-design investigation results and the recent preliminary results of the Supplemental Background Soil Study (Reference 2), as discussed in our meeting held on October 10, 2000, have resulted in the need to reconsider the path forward. Sampling results from the Supplemental Background Soil Study will not be completely validated until late October 2000, making the development and submittal of an IP by November 1, 2000, not feasible.

Mr. James A. Saric
Mr. Tom Schneider

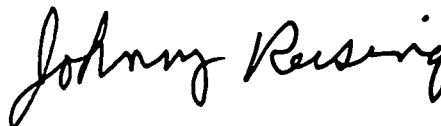
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As discussed in the October 10, 2000 meeting, a second meeting is proposed for early November to determine the appropriate path forward for A9PI, once all validated data from the Supplemental Background Soil Study is available for evaluation and comparison with all available A9PI data. In lieu of the submittal of the A9PI IP by November 1, 2000, DOE is proposing that a strategy report/letter be submitted to the Agencies proposing a path forward for A9PI no later than one week after the November meeting. The strategy report/letter would propose new dates for the submittal of key documentation (i.e., a Certification Design Letter or Integrated Remedial Design Plan) for A9PI depending on the path forward agreed upon.

Upon your concurrence with this extension request, DOE will contact you regarding a meeting date for early November. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Robert Janke at (513) 648-3124.

Sincerely,



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